

Among The Buckeyes

Ankenytown. The work here moves along nicely. Good attendance at both Sunday school and preaching services. One new thing within,—a handsome book-case recently purchased for our S. S. Library. Books of first class order, by best authors. None of the trashy kind too often found in a Sunday school library. This is easily accounted for when it is known that nearly all the books were presented by Prof. L. L. Garber of Ashland College. In the church peace and harmony prevail. Not quite as enthusiastic concerning convention work as might be. As a result, not over much of the missionary spirit. Look for a change along this line. It is vital to the life of the church.

North Liberty. Peace reigns. Good attendance at all services. Awfully slow coming to church. Services commence almost any time between 8 o'clock and midnight. But they're all right when they get there. These people hunger for the truth and digest it uncomplainingly when they get it. No grumblers, no kickers. The whole truth don't hurt here. A good sign. If it does, they know how to hold their tongues. Another good sign. A very impressive communion service was held on the eve of July 2nd., anniversary of our first sermon at Pony Creek, Kansas, eight years ago. We were seventeen then. Don't feel much older now. Attendance at the communion was good, baptismal and confirmation services preceeding. Outlook for future, bright. They deserve prosperity.

Buckeye City. Attendance at church services, splendid. Sunday school is somewhat small. Here, services commence on time. They prove a good habit is as easy to keep as a bad one. Singing excellent. One accession at the last service. Baptism at next appointment. Our veteran brother Isaac Ross has been practically on the shelf for some months with a somewhat shattered nervous system. Hope he may soon be able to again take his vacant place in the Master's vineyard. Finances here,—a little weak. But they haven't yet begged help from the poor over-ridden church oyster, nor ground it out of the ice cream freezer. As for ourselves we have not yet knowingly taken a dollar the church has thus earned in her unholy temple counters, nor do we intend to do so. Some are not doing their share. Others will have to shoulder another's burden besides carrying their own. It is the same everywhere. But a strict account of it all is being certainly kept in the Great Beyond, awaiting the final settlement on the day of awards.

General. Wanted, a whole-gospel preacher who isn't afraid of hard work, to take charge of the above churches. To receive in return, living wages now, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Wife, Glenn and I, expect to remain in Ohio now, until the time of the National Conference, after which we shall return to our home at Philadelphia after Nov. 1st., by a unanimous call from that church, we expect to take full charge of the work there. This will necessarily confine us at home more closely, and hinder us from doing revival work as we have done in the past. But, we trust, in all, it may work to the greater glory of the Kingdom. Our associations with the Philadelphia church and with our dear Bro. Bowman during the past year, have been only the most pleasant. After nearly nine long years of faithful service, he has won in that city, a host of friends, while his enemies are few and far between. To him, the Philadelphia church owes a debt it can never pay. We will not attempt to fill his place, but we shall, by God's grace do what we can to help the church there to continue to glorify God and bless man in the future, yet more abundantly than she has in the past. That her robes may ever be white, and her eyes brightly beaming, when the Bridegroom comes, is my heart's desire and prayer to God.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Communion Notice

The Brethren of the Dutchtown congregation, northeast of Warsaw, Ind., will hold a love-feast Friday evening, Aug. 2. Surrounding brethren are invited.

C. F. YODER.

Bryan, Ohio

Brother Grisso has requested me to report the church work at this place, which is generally required once a month. Time only will tell how well I have performed my duty. To do the church justice it will be necessary to cover at least a year's time.

From a financial standpoint, the church has made marked progress. Thru the co-operation of the S. S. C. E. which is no small factor in the church, we have added a baptistry, repainting and re-carpeting the church, and instead of the dim oil lamps, we enjoy the brilliancy of electric lights, all at an approximate cost \$160. Besides the church has been numerically strengthened by the addition of seven souls.

The church has unanimously extended Bro. Grisso a call for another year. Our communion meeting of July 7 was one of deep interest. We were glad to have brother and sister Levi Eberly present from Kunkle. Our delegates for National Conference have been elected.

MELVIN D. KERR.

Terra Alta, W. Va.

The congregation of the Brethren church here is not nearly so large as formerly. Some have moved away, others have crossed the river of death.

Brother Geo. Bucklen has served us faithfully as pastor since the organization of the church at this place. Brother S. K. Whitehair was called to the ministry some time ago and thru feeling reluctant, realizing that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, he has kindly, zealously and ably taken up the work. We now have preaching every two weeks by the above named brethren alternately. May God continue his grace toward them, and give them souls for their hire.

Brother Henry Wise has arranged to meet with us in the near future and assist in a series of meetings. We pray that much good may be done and the borders of Zion enlarged. We often think of the good and visible results of his labors when with us some time since, and the same of brethren S. H. Love and E. B. Shaver, who have been with us in times past, leaving as it were, "Foot prints on the sands of time."

I have the pleasure to report that on the evenings of the 10th and 11th inst. sister Vienna Dewiler met with us in the White Dale church and preached two able sermons to a large and attentive audience. Her first discourse was based upon the subject of giving from a Bible standpoint. In her very pleasant, earnest and impressive manner (as know who have met her) her appeal touched the hearts of many. Second she took up the phase of woman's work in the church, in a gospel light. This too was sufficient to awaken our dormant and slumbering spirits to a sense of the duty we owe to God, as regards those in heathen lands, the cause of our ministers needing aid and the soul culture of those around us. As a result of these meetings a Sisters S. C. E. was organized. Following we give the names of officers: Miss Retta Bucklen, President; Miss Zula Whitehair, Vice President; Mrs. Sue M. Dodge, Secretary; Mrs. Lettie Bucklen, Treasurer.

Our society enumerates seventeen. Tho small in number, we believe it forms a nucleus to which many more will be added. May the good work go on. We have long felt the need of a co-operative, a more active and extensive work by the laity. We praise God that this movement appeals to all to do what they can and may each strive to improve this golden opportunity.

We regret that Sister Detwiler's stay with us was so short. God speed, bless and protect her

thru life and when the battle is over may she come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves, is our prayer.

SUE M. DODGE.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Two confessed Christ last night in our home church. We are now in the midst of our summer work here: Many of our people are away for the summer. The unconverted cannot be gotten to church here in the city in the summer as a rule. We have started a volunteer work for the summer—out of season work—while it has just been started, it is already proving fruitful. We appoint these volunteer workers to go to visit the weak members and others and encourage them to come to church and the Sunday-school. On Saturday nights we go on the business streets and sing and pray and preach, also on Sunday afternoons we go in the by-streets and preach to the people on the doorsteps. Then we meet every week once and talk over our successes and failures and assign new places to do thru the week. We ask all to pray for us that the Lord might greatly bless this work.

We are having the best congregations we have ever had in the summer for nine years, and if our summer campaign will prove successful we hope the work will be in good shape for Brother Bauman when our time is up. Later, when my time is up, I will give you a history of the nine years' work since I have come to Philadelphia.

I have been receiving many calls already for fall revival work. I desire to say in this public way that it is no use to write me concerning work between now and Christmas for I have been engaged for the last two months until Christmas. I arrange some of my revivals a year ahead so that if any of you want to have meetings held this winter you must put your claims in soon or I will be tied up for the winter. I love to make my arrangements three or four months ahead. I find I can arrange the work both for the churches and myself more satisfactory. I can save the churches a great deal of carfare, and they can make all the preparations for their meetings and there are less conflicts. I have so far refused all pastoral work for the coming year; it is probable that I may continue this year in the evangelistic field, after which I will either take charge of a church or open a mission in one of our eastern cities. The majority of my brethren here personally asked me to keep this work but I refused. I am very glad that they were able to employ such an efficient pastor as Brother Bauman. I hope that he and his noble wife will succeed in building up a large church here. Being free now from all pastoral work I can speak freely. Personally I am opposed to frequent changing of pastors. I believe in letting the Holy Ghost call the pastor and then let him stay until the Holy Ghost wants to change. And as a rule that will not be very frequent if the people and the preacher let the Spirit have the "right of way." This thing of offering larger salaries and other incentives for preachers to change is the work of the devil.

I feel led of the Lord to take up more distinctively missionary work. This much is a very clear and distinct call. But there seems to be three different places where I feel that the Lord wants opened and I can't decide as yet where the Lord wants me to go. You who believe in the call of the Spirit to the work join very earnestly in prayer that he may make the matter very plain so that I cannot go wrong. If I know my own heart I want to go where he wants me to go, and do what he wants me to do whatever the cost. Pray that self may be left entirely out and that I may be led only of the Lord. O when I think of the ripe fields and of the precious doctrines of our Gospel alone church, how I long to see our principles carried to the uttermost parts of the earth. Let us earnestly pray that the Lord may thrust forth laborers into the vineyard. Amen.

I. D. BOWMAN.